performance to attract more passengers and to increase revenue.

**अनिवासी भारतीयों की भारत में पूंजी निवेश करने में अरूचि**

**2390. श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
**श्री नागमणि:**

**क्या वित्त मंत्री 16 जुलाई, 1996 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 344 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

**(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार के कार्यकरण को ध्यान में रखते हुए अनिवासी भारतीयों में भारत में पूंजी निवेश करने में कोई उत्साह नहीं है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप सरकार द्वारा विगत तीन वर्षों में निर्धारित किए गए लक्ष्य प्राप्त नहीं किए जा सके हैं;**

**(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और**

**(ग) इन कमियों को दूर करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?**

**वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) जी नहीं। भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई गई सूचना के अनुसार वर्ष 1993, 1994 और 1995 के दौरान विभिन्न निवेश योजनाओं के तहत अनिवासी भारतीयों द्वारा किए गए निवेशों के कारण अन्तर्प्रवाह, जैसे कि नीचे दिए गए हैं, लगातार बढ़ रहे हैं।**

**संयुक्त राष्ट्र मिलियन डालर**

| 1993 | 1994 | 1995 |
|---|---|---|
| 180 | 370 | 570 |

**(ख) और (ग) उपर्युक्त (क) को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठते।**

**Amendment to Companies Act**

2391. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to amend the Companies Act;

(b) if so, what are the new provisions proposed to be incorporated in the existing Act; and

(c) the steps being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government proposes to introduce a Companies (Amendment) Bill shortly to make a few changes in the Companies Act, 1956. These changes will include the following:--

(i) Debarring companies which default on payment of deposits raised by them in the past or interest thereon, from raising further deposits and making intercorporate loans/investments.

(ii) Allowing the companies to issue non-voting shares in addition to equity shares with voting rights and preference shares.

(iii) Granting of voting rights to mutual funds, venture capital funds and such other funds as approved by Securities Exchange Board of India in respect of shares held by these funds in companies.

(iv) Permitting companies to issue redeemable preference shares upto a maximum period of 20 years.

(v) Allowing companies to file documents on computer format with the Registrars of Companies.

(vi) Allowing companies to alter their Memorandum of Association in respect of their objects without confirmation of the Company Law Board; and

(vii) Removing the ceiling of Rs. 1,000/- in respect of the claim of arrears of wages or salary of any employee in case of winding up of a company.

**Expenditure incurred by Ministers/ Personal staff of Ministers**

2392. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:
SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item regarding cut in expenditure in Government as reported in major newspapers on 18th June; 1996;